

(Capsule)

Ventnor

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MARYLAND HISTORICAL TRUST

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

**1 NAME**

HISTORIC

Ventnor

AND/OR COMMON

**2 LOCATION**

STREET & NUMBER

Jones Road

CITY, TOWN

Dunkirk

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

VICINITY OF

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Calvert

**3 CLASSIFICATION**

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	<b>PUBLIC ACQUISITION</b>	<b>ACCESSIBLE</b>	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT
		<input type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL
			<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY
			<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

Charles Fonner

Telephone #:

STREET & NUMBER

Dunkirk

CITY, TOWN

STATE, zip code

VICINITY OF

**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

COURTHOUSE.

REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Liber #: JLB 47

Folio #: 551

STREET & NUMBER

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☒ COUNTY ☐ LOCAL

DEPOSITORY FOR  
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

**7 DESCRIPTION****CONDITION**☐ EXCELLENT☒ GOOD☐ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☐ UNALTERED☒ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

**DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE**

The farm at Ventnor is in good condition with many outbuildings still in use.

The main house is two stories high, three bays wide and one deep in its front (N) section with a telescoping wings of at least three sections to the rear (S). It is covered with horizontal overlap clapboard and has a metal gable-end roof. There are chimneys for wood stoves in each section of the house. The original chimney and fireplace have been altered.

The floor plan in the oldest portion is essentially end hall and double parlor. Beneath the floor, one can see both hand hewn and sawed joists.

Much of the interior is original including the floors hardware etc. Of particular interest are the wooden locks on several doors. Ventnor has always been in the same family and several large pieces of furniture are said to have always been in the house. Among these is the piano built by Knabe and Gable in Baltimore; it is said that they were popular in this county.

Off of the southwest corner of the house is a complex of buildings which includes a garage, work shop, meat house, chicken house, and corn house. The oldest of these, and perhaps the most interesting is the meathouse. It is 10'4" wide and 12'3" deep (exterior measurements) and is covered with overlapping clapboards some of which are 17" wide. Like the main house and several other buildings, the meat house siding is said to be white pine. It is nailed to a mortise and tenon hewn beam frame. These buildings have been kept well painted and appear to have always been cream-yellow in color.

On the door of the meat house, there is an unusual double lock made of wood which is opened by turning a large metal key in opposite directions.

The privy is located on the other side of the yard from these buildings off of the southeast corner of the house.

Behind (S) the complex of outbuildings is a combination carriage house and grain storage. Although it is presently used for drying tobacco, this building still contains eight stalls for horses and a room large enough for two wagons or carriages. It is now occupied by a 1929 Chevrolet pick-up truck. Mrs. Fonner interviewed Kate Smith (who was eighty years old when she died C. 1930) many times about the history of the farm. Based on that knowledge, she dates the carriage house C. 1890.

There is a low lying meadow behind (S) the buildings thus far described and in it are two more buildings. A dirt road leads from the main house to the tenant house. It dates from C. 1924 but has been vacant since 1943 and it is in near ruins.

The other building is a large 40' x 40' tobacco barn. It is one of the few which did not blow down in that area during a bad storm in 1924.

For sizes and location, see attached sketch.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

# 8 SIGNIFICANCE

PERIOD	AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="radio"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
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<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

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# 9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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## 10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 81 ac

### VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

STATE \_\_\_\_\_ COUNTY \_\_\_\_\_

## 11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

ORGANIZATION

DATE

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

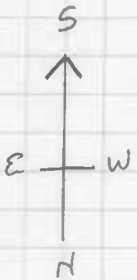
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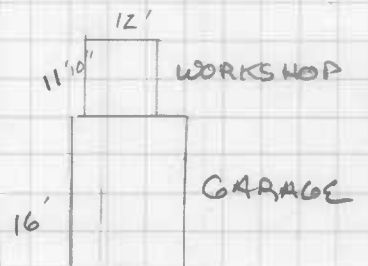
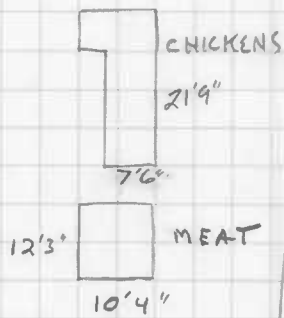
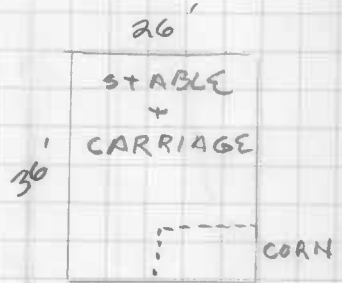


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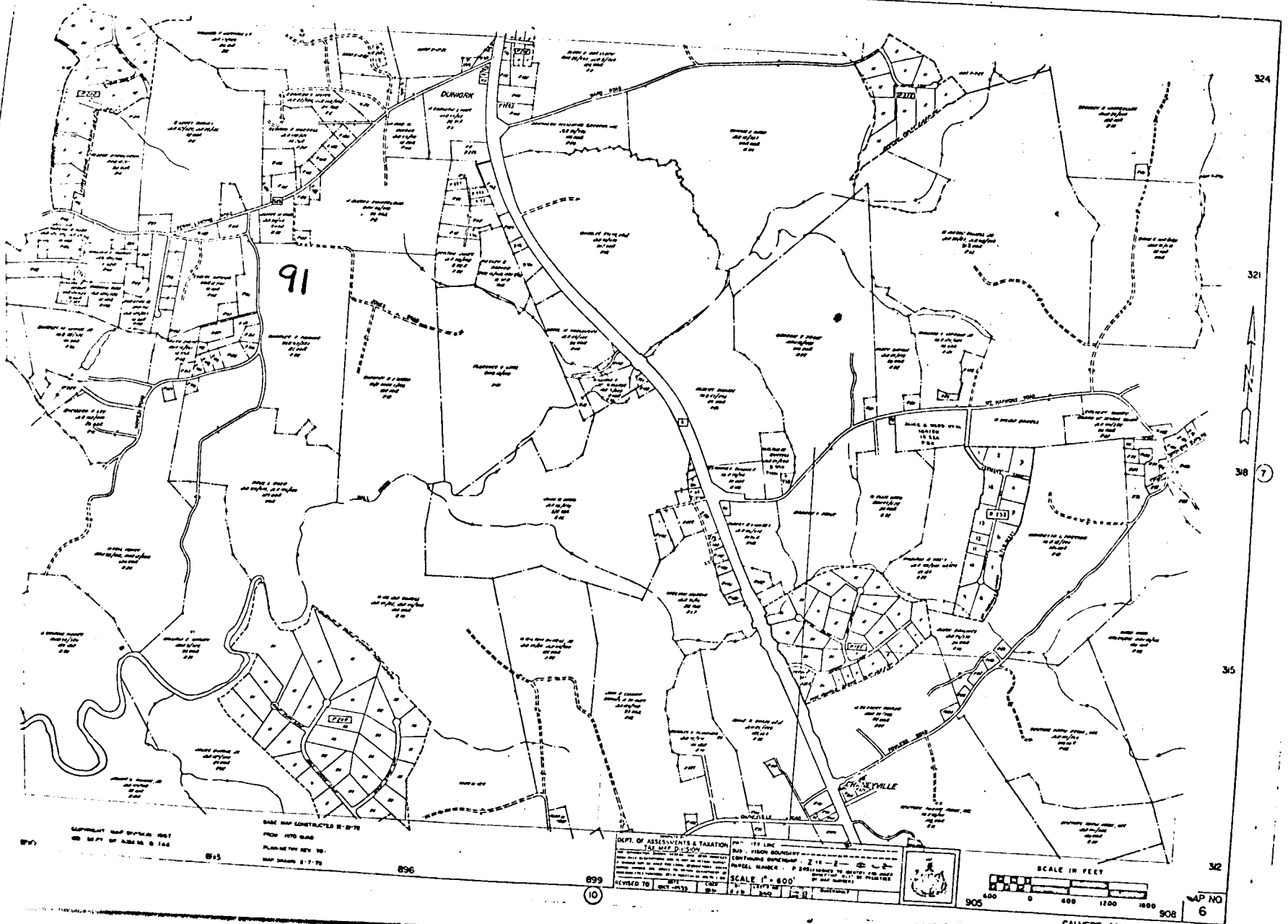
40' x 40'  
Tobacco barn



PRIVY



CT-91 @ Ventor

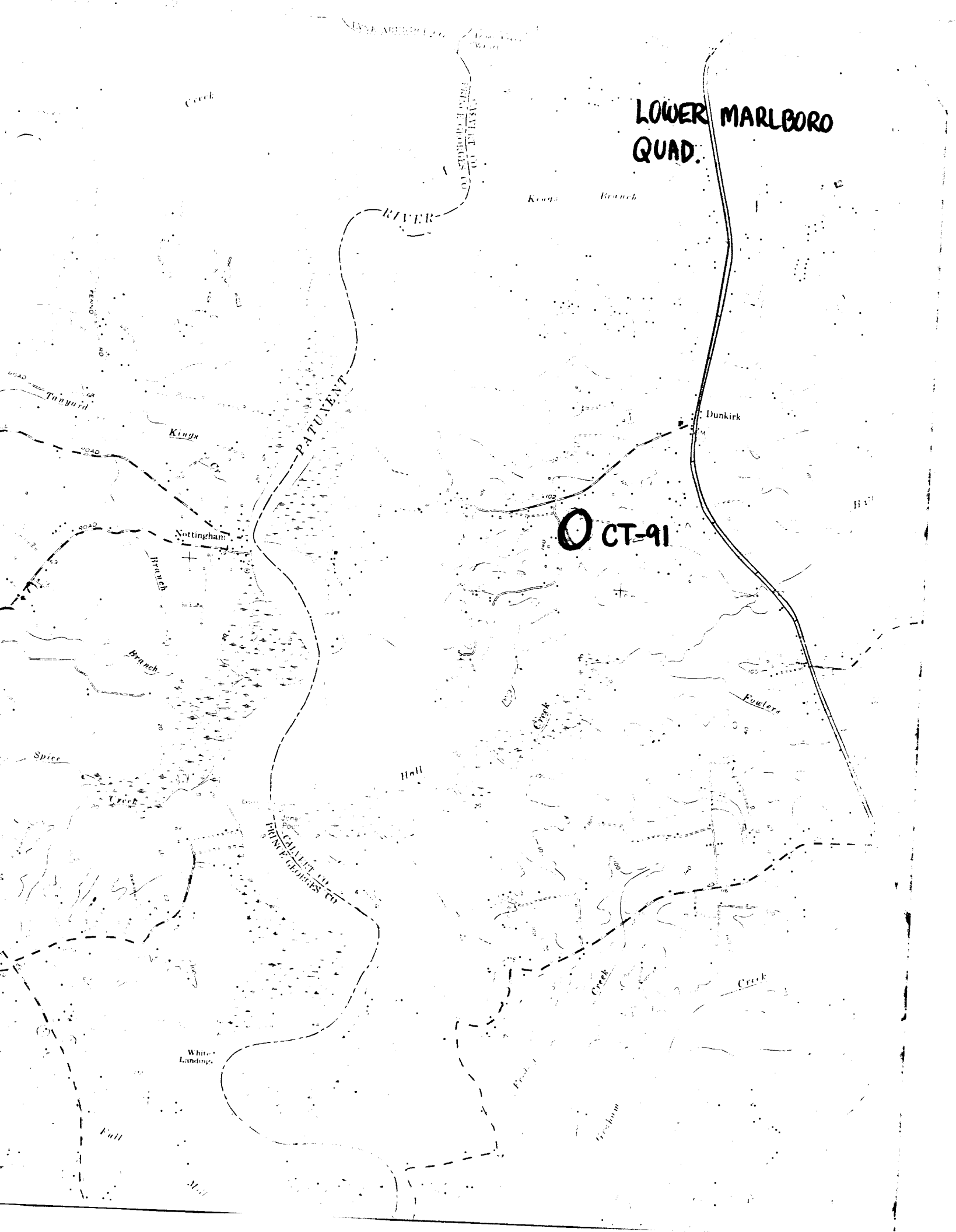


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LOWER MARLBORO  
QUAD.

OCT-91





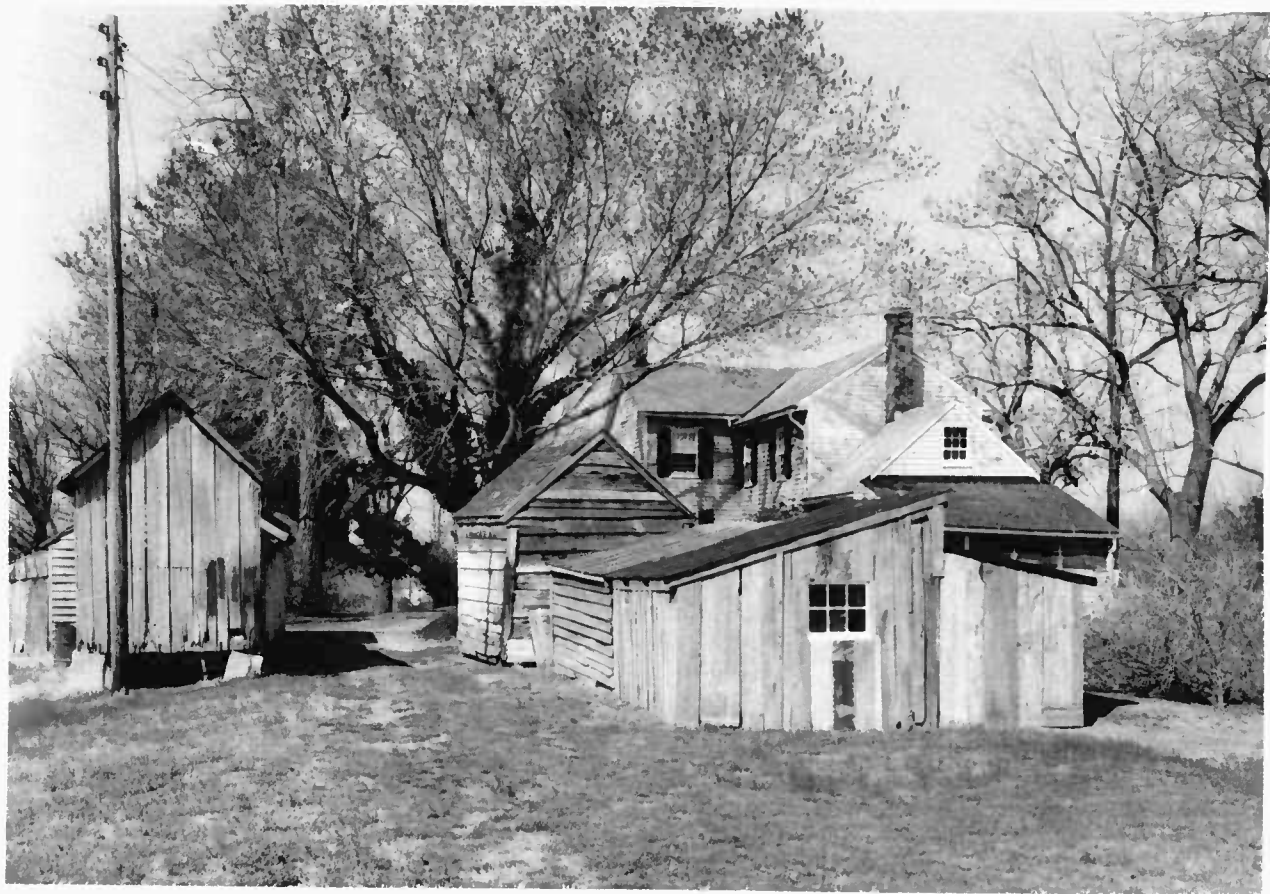
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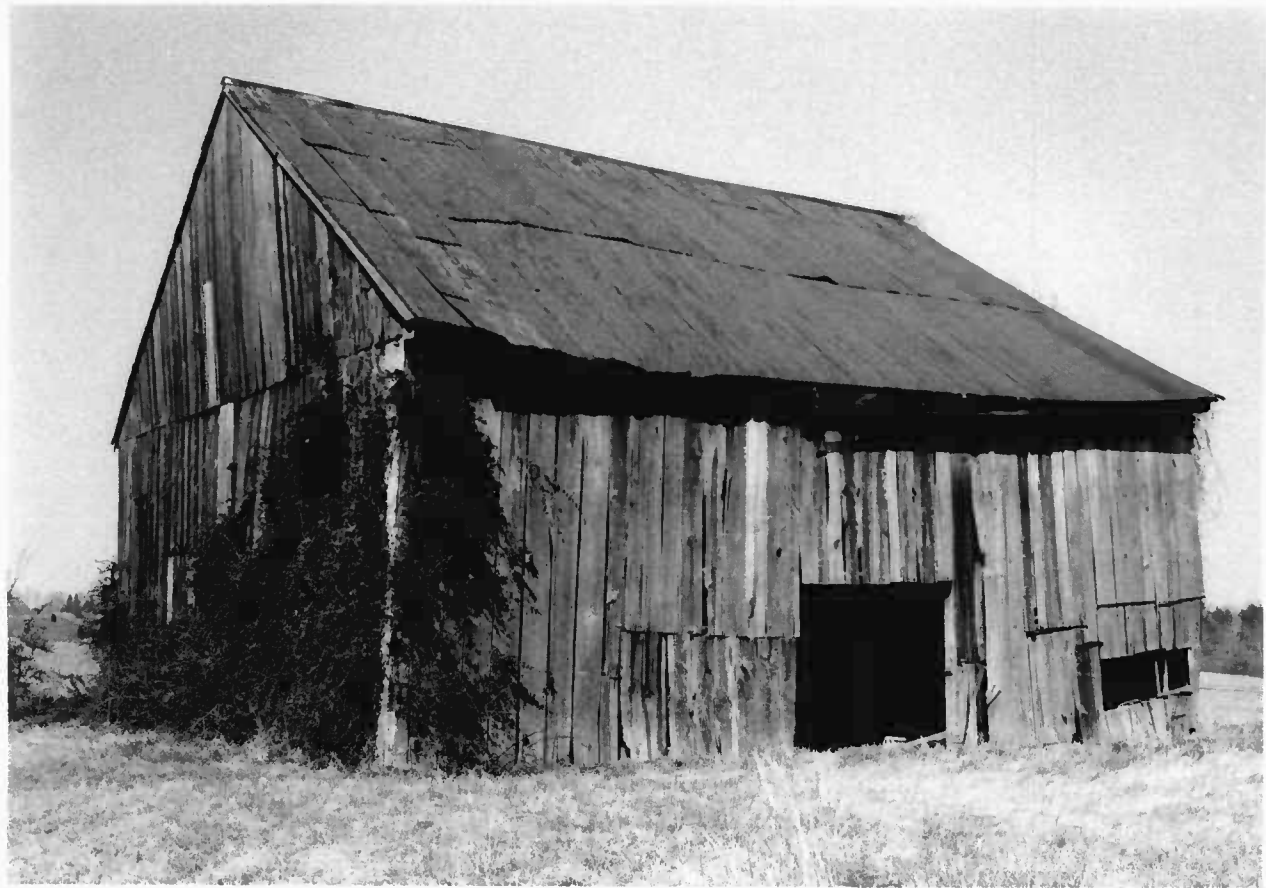
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